

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Education to Minority Girls

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any schemes to encourage girls from minority communities to continue secondary level education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the details of the budget granted for education of girls in minority communities, State-wise specially in Delhi;
- (c) whether the level/standard of education minority girls in the country specially in the State of Assam is not satisfactory;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to promote education amongst minority girls and women in various States especially in the interior areas of Assam; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to consider a special financial package for education of minority girls for any State particularly the State of Assam and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) to (e) Ministry of Minority Affairs implements scholarship schemes namely Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for class I to X and Post-matric Scholarship Scheme from class XI upto Ph.D. level which include support for the secondary level education (Class IX to XII) of minority communities including girls. Minimum 30% of scholarships are earmarked for girl students under these Scholarship Schemes. In addition, Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous body under the Ministry, implements an exclusive scholarship scheme for minority girls studying in Class XI and XII namely, Maulana Azad National Scholarship for Meritorious Girl Students. These schemes are implemented in all States/UTs including Delhi and Assam. The State-wise details of number of girls benefitted under these schemes and the funds released during last three years including State of Delhi and Assam is at Annexure I, II & III. As per India Human Development Report 2011 of erstwhile Planning Commission, the literacy rate of females belonging to major socio-religious communities of Assam was more than the national average of females in 2007-08. No special financial package for education of minority girls has been proposed for any State/UT including Assam by this Ministry.
